

NON-COOPERATION WITH QC REVIEW WHEN CASE IS RECEIVING TFS

NUMBER: QC 07-02

DATE: June 19, 2007

SITUATION:

The case is pulled for a 04/07 FS Active Sample Month review. The case was eligible for Transitional Food Stamps effective 2/1/07. The FSHH refused to cooperate with the QC reviewer.

QUESTION:

Is the case to be terminated during the five month TFS period and the penalty applied or is the case to be allowed to complete the 5 month TFS period and the penalty is applied following the last month of TFS?

Note: This question was asked on Transmittal 04-01, but the answer was not specific to when the ongoing TFS case is to be terminated due to non cooperation with the QC review.

RESPONSE:

The household is ineligible to receive Transitional Food Stamp (TFS) benefits for any remaining months between the Sample Month and the end of the TFS five-month eligibility period once it refuses to cooperate with a Quality Control (QC) review. The standard Food Stamps Regulations and QC non-cooperation procedures (M.S. 63-505.13 and FNS-310 Section 442.2, respectively) still apply regardless of whether or not there are remaining TFS months available to the household. Therefore, the TFS case can be discontinued for refusal to cooperate with the QC reviewer.

NOTE: Food Stamps Bureau Policy Implementation Unit agreement (consisting of the last sentence of this response) received June 19, 2007.